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SUBJ: RELOCATION OF RCAA DWOR AND FAA OFFICE FROM BEIRUT
TO ROME

REF: STATE 258575

1. EMBASSY HAS NO RPT NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO RELOCATING
REGIONAL CIVIL AIR ATTACHE (RCAA) AND FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION
(FAA) FROM BEIRUT TO ROME. ALTHOUGH NOT RPT NOT HAVE

FIRM COMMITMENT AS YET, IT APPEARS IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO
RENT NECESSARY OFFICE SPACE FROM ABASSADOR HOTEL, FROM WHICH
EMBASSY PRESENTLY RENTING ITS EMBASSY ANNEX SPACE. ROOMS WOULD
BE CONTIGUOUS WITH EMBASSY ANNEX AND WOULD BE ENTERED ONLY
FROM ANNEX. THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD REQUIRE REVISION OF
EMBASSY'S LEASE. INCREASED COSTS WOULD BE DLR 3,000-4,000
ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES TO SET UP OFFICES, MONTHLY RENT OF ABOUT
DLR 1,000 (INCLUDING HEAT) PERHAPS SOME ADDITIONAL (QUARTERLY) EXPENSES FOR ELECTRICITY, AND TELEPHONE INSTALLATION
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CHARGES OF ABOUT DLR 300. OF THESE AMOUNTS ROUGHLY ONE-

THIRD WOULD BE CHARGEABLE TO STATE AND TWO-THIRDS TO FAA.

2. HOWEVER EMBASSY ACCEPTANCE OF TRANSFER OF RCAA AND
FAA WOULD BE MADE ON FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

A. FAA OFFICE HERE ADD ITALY TO ITS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

B. THE EMBASSY' S OFFICER PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT BE INCREASED
BY ONE, I.E.THE RCAA, SINCE THE RCAA WOULD NOT ASSUME ANY
OF THE FUNCTIONS PRESENTLY FILLED BY EMBASSY OFFICERS.

C. DEPARTMENT DETERMINE THAT ROME REPRESENTS MOST CONVENIENT
POINT FOR RCAA TO TRAVEL IN HIS REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES
(RATHER THAN CAIRO OR TEHRAN FOR EXAMPLE) BEARING IN MIND
CONTINUING PROBLEMS AT ROME FIUMICINO AIRPORT (MOST RECENTLY
REPORTED ROME 16327). TRANSFER OF BOTH RCAA AND FAA BE ON
PERMANENT BASIS RATHER THAN AWAITING ANY FURTHER CLARIFICATION
OF DEVELOPMENTS IN BEIRUT.

D. RCAA TRAVEL AND OTHER FUNDS PRESENTLY ALLOCATED EMBASSY
BEIRUT BE SHIFTED TO EMBASSY ROME FOR RCAAS USE.

3. FYI: RCAA STATES ANNUAL TRAVEL EXPENDITURES OUT OF
BEIRUT AMOUNTED TO APPROXIMATELY DLR 7,000-8,000 ANNUALLY.
HOWEVER, SINCE ROME REPRESENTS SHIFT TO OURTER WESTERN
PERIPHERY OF CIVIL AIR REGION DWOR BELIEVES ADEQUATE ANNUAL
TRAVEL FUND ALLOCATION FROM ROME WOULD ROUGHLY REPRESENT
DLR 10,000-12,000.BEAUDRY

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